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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming process comprising the steps of
conducting recording on a recording medium provided
with an image-receiving layer and laminating a
5 thermoplastic film onto the image-receiving layer to
smooth the surface of the thermoplastic film by heating
and pressurizing means and to bond the back side of the
thermoplastic film onto the image-receiving layer. An
image forming apparatus comprises an ink-jet head for
10 conducting recording on a recording medium, a
laminating section for laminating a thermoplastic
polymer onto a recorded recording medium, and heating
and pressurizing means for heating and pressurizing the
thermoplastic film to smooth the surface and to bond
15 the back side of the thermoplastic film onto the image-
receiving layer.